

“Fire and Knife: A Dad’s Ministry”

Genesis 22: 1-19

1. Akedah-“Binding” of Isaac

Word used to depict ABRAHAM's binding and intended sacrifice of his son, ISAAC (Gen. 22:1-19). According to rabbinic sources, the AKEDA is a symbol of self-sacrifice in obedience to God. The passage from Genesis which describes this incident is read in the SYNAGOGUE on the first day of ROSH HA-SHANAH.

On the judgment day of Rosh Hashanah at the beginning of the year, God is entreated to show mercy to His people in the merit of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son.

2. The text has many foreshadows of Jesus.

The Message:

◎ “Here I Am” (v. 1)

Great men not only hear God but respond to God

There is a difference between hearing and responding

◎ “He rose early” (v. 3)

Obedience is early and labourious.

“He took the fire and the knife”

☉ A dad’s ministry is that of fire and knife!

☉ Exact obedience is necessary because details with God are a part of the process.

☉ We need dad who will live like believing in God is not enough. Rather, obeying God is paramount.

“You stay here”

Sometimes we disobey God by not avoiding things that will make it difficult for us to obey Him.

“God will provide a lamb”

When your children question you or God, you may not know the “what” or the “why” with God, but you can tell them WHO He is.

“Laid him on the wood and raised the knife”

Believing include the acting upon the difficult and seeing it through to deliverance!



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